Sale of HPCL and BPCL Scrips

*278. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Rs. 500 crore milked on sale of HPCL and BPCL Scrips", which appeared in the Deccan Chronicle, dated the 5th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereon;

(c) whether any inquiry has been instituted into the whole transaction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Soon after the news report first appeared, Government requested SEBI to conduct a comprehensive investigation in the matter.

Schemes for SCs/STs and weaker sections in Uttar Pradesh

*279. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes being formulated and implemented by Government for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward classes and weaker sections of the society in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of amount granted for the same under these schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment formulates and implements welfare schemes for Scheduled Castes, backward classes and weaker sections and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for Scheduled Tribes throughout the country. During the last three years details of amount granted under different welfare schemes in Uttar Pradesh are given in the Statement.

Statement

Release of funds to various schemes in the State of Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. N	Name of the Scheme	Release		
		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
	Scheduled Caste Development			
1	Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan for SCs	9728.65	9398.00	11816.86
2	Post Matric Scholarship to the students beloging to Scheduled Castes	1257.85	1383.22	2304.94
3	Scheduled Castes Development Corporations	85.72	300.00	350.00
4	Book Banks for Scheduled Caste students	0.00	0.00	103.16
5	Construction of Hostels for Scheduled Caste boys	0.00	0.00	155.64
6	Construction of Hostels for Scheduled Caste girls	0.00	0.00	196.04
7	Coaching and Allied Scheme for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	15.79	19.46	29.51
8	Protection of Civil rights Act, 1995 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	636.24	448.19	700.00
9	Upgradation of Merit for SC/ST students	71.65	0.00	30.87
10	Assistance to VOs for Scheduled Castes	545.51	355.70	468.02
	Other Backward Classes			
11	Construction of Hostels for OBC's boys and girls	0.00	0.00	265.13
12	Assistance to VOs for OBCs	25.11	12.10	79.63
13	Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs	0.00	0.00	1222.21
14	Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students for studying abroad	0.00	10.20	329.00

SIN	Name of the Scheme	Release		
		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
	Minorities			
15	Pre Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on economic criteria	79.55	67.43	56.73
	Ministry of Tribal Affairs			
1	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan	99.85	41.83	32.10
2	Grant Under Article 275(1) of the Constitution	42.08	9.61	176.95
3	Vocational Training (NGO)	3.60	0.00	0.00
4	Educational Complex	9.91	10.54	6.97
5	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups	74.80	0.00	23.48
6	Post Matric Scholarship	0.00	0.00	6.40
7	Grant to NGOs	27.10	52.59	15.63

Constituion of Tobacco Board

*280. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Tobacco Board last constituted;

(b) the criteria and guidelines adopted in the nomination of members on the Board;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no equal representation of the tobacco producing States on the Board;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this unequal representation of all the tobacco producing States is the root cause of biased decisions and favouritism, as alleged in some quarters; and

(e) if so, the manner in which Government propose to overcome the said problem and by when?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Tobacco Board was last reconstituted in January 2002.